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Docket No. GC381-US-D2

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**UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application

- Continuation  
 Divisional  
 Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/462,846, which is a 371 of PCT/US98/14529,  
filed July 14, 1998

Inventors: David A. Estell

Title: Proteases from Gram-Positive Organisms

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Also enclosed are:

1.  Fee Transmittal Form submitted in duplicate
2.  Copy of Specification                                  Total Pages: 20
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Federal Sponsored R&D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claims
  - Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Formal Drawing(s) As Filed (35 USC 113) Total Sheets: 11

4.  Oath or Declaration      Total Pages: 2

- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4B, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

  - a.  Computer Readable Copy (diskette)
  - b.  Paper Copy
  - c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

#### Accompanying Application Parts:

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents)
  9.  37 CFR 3.73( b) Statement (when there is an Assignee)
  10.  English Translation Document
  11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449)
  12.  Preliminary Amendment.
  13.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of application of Serial No. 09/462,846, filed January 13, 2000--.
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